

HON. T. H. LEWIS WRITES CLARION

AN ANSWER TO MR. PONDER'S
STATEMENT
REGARDING EX-GOV. BLANCHARD

And Explaining Fully His State-
ment as to the Port Commis-
sion and Other Very Important
Measures.

Mr. Thos. H. Lewis handed the Courier
the following copy of a letter addressed to
the Clarion, with the request that it pub-
lish same in this week's issue:

Opelousas, La., Aug. 17, 1909.

Editor Clarion:

Inasmuch as you reproduced in your
last week's issue the charge made by Mr.
Amos L. Ponder in his speech here, that I
was instigated by Ex-Governor Newton
C. Blanchard in making what he termed
my attack on the state administration, I
ask sufficient space in your paper to
contradict with emphasis that wholly un-
founded and gratuitous statement. In
the first place, I am credited here by people
generally, not excepting those who
enjoy the favor and support of the Clarion
with the possession of sufficient mind and
independence of thought and of speech to
think, act and speak for myself. I made
the address before the Farmers' Educa-
tional and Co-operative Union by invita-
tion of a committee of arrangements, and
my first notice that I had been selected
by that committee to open the discussion
before that body was the publication of
the fact in the Clarion. The address was
framed from the standpoint of two of the
articles of the constitution of that body,
and abundant proofs were given after its
delivery that it voiced the views of the
delegates present. I have never heard of
any conference being held in north Loui-
siana until the statement was made here
by Mr. Ponder in his speech, nor have I
ever seen any newspaper report of any
such conference. I, therefore, must be-
lieve it was a figment of Mr. Ponder's
imagination, a man of straw erected by
him to fire at.

Nor have I had the pleas-
ure of meeting Ex-Governor Blanchard
since he retired from the gubernatorial
office, nor have I had any communica-
tion whatever with him directly or indi-
rectly since that date. I do not know
what the ex-governor's views are as to
the political situation in this state. Nor
have I any reason to believe that he is
now or will take part in politics in this
state. I am not surprised, however, that
Mr. Ponder has dragged Mr. Blanchard's
name into this controversy. His aggres-
sive ability and force of character is
evident, and the purpose, undoubtedly, is
to anticipate and destroy his influence in
advance. Whatever mistakes, if any, he
may have made during his term of gov-
ernment, he certainly made no mistake in
the strenuous effort which he made toward
the end of his administration to purge
the registration rolls of Orleans and St.
Bernard, and should he enter the next
state canvass as a speaker, he will doubt-
less discuss, without fear or favor, the
causes of the failure of his attempt to
purge those registration rolls, as well as
the influences which persuaded the State
Committee from hearing and determin-
ing the charges of fraud formerly pre-
sented against the election officers of those
parishes, as also the influences which re-
sulted in the legislature from enacting a
return primary election law to make the
protection of those frauds impossible.

The further statement by Mr. Ponder
that I charged the present legislature
with the creation of the Port Commission
quite as baseless as his other charges
against me. I made no such statement,
either in my address or on any other occa-
sion. I simply charged the present legis-
lature with making the extravagant ap-
propriations for the pay of the attorneys
of that commission. While Governor
Blanchard recommended the creation of
the Port Commission, and which was cre-
ated by the special session called by him,
I neither he nor that legislature is re-
sponsible for the waste of the public's
money appropriated by the last session of
the present legislature for the payment of
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with attempts to mislead the people and
to divert their attention from the far-reaching and paramount
issues that involve their right to rule
and govern themselves, and create no
responsibility for the waste of the public's
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PARISH DIVISION.

The parish division controversy has
been settled so far as the district court is
concerned. It will now go to the supreme
court for final adjudication.
Judge Edwards has just decided that
the act creating the parish of Evangeline
by dividing the parish of St. Landry in
two parts was constitutional and legal, and
that the suit attacking the act on those
grounds should be dismissed. The deci-
sion, together with several others, was re-
ceived by the clerk of court here this
week by registered mail, all attorneys in-
terested having agreed that it would not
be necessary for the judge to come in per-
son.
The court holds that Article 277 of the
Constitution, which provides for the crea-
tion of new parishes, does not require
that the act creating same should be ap-
proved by two-thirds of the qualified vot-
ers of the parish affected, and that it was
within the power of the legislature to cre-
ate the parish without referring it to the
people. Further, that Article 278 does not
apply to laws creating new parishes, but
only to laws changing parish lines, and
that while the act in question does
change the boundary of St. Landry parish,
this is merely an incident to the crea-
tion of a new parish.

AN ENJOYABLE PARTY.

A very pleasant and enjoyable party
was given this week at the home of Miss
Ninta Veltin, in Bellevue, in honor of
Misses Mary Cassidy and Jeannette Fran-
kel of Crowley. The following were
present:
Misses Mary Cassidy and Jeannette
Frankel of Crowley, Aline Chachere,
Louise Bienvenu, Inez Perrault, F. O. G.
from New Orleans, Ellen Simon from St.
Martinville, Bessie Sandoz, Myrtle Potts,
Misses Rita Desmarais, Goldie Garde-
nie of St. Martinville, Madeline Boagni,
Bessie Clements, Lulu Comeau, Blanche
Andrepont, May Labbe of St. Martinville,
Mathilde Lacombe, Leigh Eckart of New
Iberia, Mrs. Leonard Isaacs, Mrs. A. M.
Haas, Mrs. Frankel of Crowley, Mrs. Ber-
tha Lyons, and Mrs. A. Veltin. Messrs.
Albert Isaacs, Herbert, McIlhann, A. J.
Perrault, C. Junge, S. M. Durand, N. J.
Baud, Charlie Sandoz, Henry Larcade,
Lastrapes Perrault, Collins Swords, Paul
Boagni, Edwin Roos, George Bienvenu,
Ellis Sandoz, Charlie Perrault, Richard
Eckart, Ned Sullivan, Robt. Perkins, V.
Miles, J. P. Mizzi, Sidney Dejean, and Dr.
Eugene Bercier.

A NEGRO LYNCHED.

A special dispatch from Monroe to the
New Orleans Daily States says:
From passengers on the Iron Mountain
train from Morehouse parish, it was
learned that a negro was lynched near
Doss Thursday night. While it was said
that a mob did the work, it is the general
opinion in that section that two men were
responsible for the negro's death.
The negro was hung to a limb near the
road and not far from his home, and
his body riddled with bullets. It seems
from reports that the negro had trouble
with a white man over his stock getting in
the white man's field.
After a warning, the hogs and a horse
were again found in the field, when the
white man killed them all. The negro
brought suit for the value of the horse
and won. It is not known who lynched the
negro, but it is supposed they were friends
of the man who had to pay for the horse.

THE TROUBLESOME DETECTIVES.

Glover and Podwell, who enlivened the
city of Opelousas for the past couple of
weeks, left the city Wednesday. Any city
or town troubled with ennui would do
well to call in these two detectives. They
will take things "hum" in this man's town
for a season, and may do the same for
others.
A score of men were killed in a mine
disaster in Mexico.

NO "NIGGERS" NEED APPLY

SO SAYS CENSUS SUPERVISOR WOGAN OF THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mr. Wogan, Who Is a Lily White, Will Ap- point Good Men, Regardless of Party Affiliations

"We shall have none but capable and
efficient men as census enumerators for
the New Orleans district, regardless of their
political affiliations," declared Mr.
John A. Wogan, who has been appointed
by President Taft as supervisor for the
district which includes New Orleans, says
the New Orleans Item of last Tuesday.
Up until noon Monday, Mr. Wogan had
not been officially notified. The news of
the appointment of the New Orleans mo-
lasses dealer and prominent Republican
did not come as a surprise. For weeks the
Republicans of New Orleans have pre-
dicted he would land the position, which
will pay \$1,500 salary and \$1 per thou-
sand persons enumerated.
"I have not made any plans," said Mr.
Wogan, Monday. "I do not know how
many men we will have nor do I know
when we will start. One thing is sure, the
job is very important, and we want to
give New Orleans the best of work. We
want to have good workers."
"Will any negroes be employed as enu-
merators?" was asked Mr. Wogan.
"I don't know," he replied, "but I
think not."
Leader Walter Cohen, of the Black and
Tan faction of the Republican party, said
that his faction would not seek the ap-
pointment of any of their men as enu-
merators under Mr. Wogan, who is a Lily
White Republican. "The Lily White fac-
tion has landed another plum," declared
Cohen Monday.
"We will not ask them to appoint any
of our men because it will look as though
we gave them recognition. We would have
not sought any from the Democrats had
a Democrat been appointed in the New Or-
leans district. We did not recommend
any one for the position of supervisor.
We kept hands off."
The census supervisors for Louisiana
are as follows:
First District—Mr. John A. Wogan,
New Orleans.

SANDOZ OPERA HOUSE.

This popular playhouse, during the season
of 1909-10, will be under the manage-
ment of E. Price & Son, and they promise
the amusement loving public of Opelousas
and vicinity a line of first-class attrac-
tions, embracing drama, comedy, oper-
a, musical comedies, vaudeville, minstrel,
lectures, magic, etc.—something to
please the mind and gratify the taste of
every one.
The following include some of the book-
ings thus far for the coming season:
"When His Wife's Away," Oct. 25th.
"The Wolf," Nov. 15th.
"Girl of the Sunny South," Nov. 23d.
"Forgiveness," Nov. 29th.
"The Final Settlement," Dec. 3d.
"The Cow Puncher," Dec. 7th.
"The College Boy," Dec. 10th.
"Handle Pete," Dec. 17th.
"Tempt and Sunshine," Dec. 21st.
"May Start," Dec. 22d.
"The Max," Jan. 12th.
"The W. B. Patton Co.," Jan. 31st.
"Smart Set," Feb. 1st.
"Just Struck Town," Feb. 11th.
"Man on the Box," Feb. 12th.

TO OPELOUSAS BUSINESS MEN.

With the opening of the business season,
only a few weeks hence, it behooves
the live business man to look into his sup-
ply of stationery and not be caught with-
out a requisite amount when the busy
season opens—when the printers are busy
and when you need it more than at other
times.
Now is the proper time to stock up.
The printer can better afford now to
make special prices than later, and ex-
pend more time on your work than when
he is crowded, and each order is a "hurry"
job.
Suppose you investigate your supply
of printing, fill in the blanks on the fol-
lowing with number of each you will
need for the season's business, and tele-
phone No. 110, Courier office:
..... Bill Heads, No. 6, small.
..... Bill Heads, No. 4, medium.
..... Bill Heads, No. 2, large.
..... Letter Heads, 8 1/2 x 11 inches.
..... Note Heads, 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches.
..... Envelopes, No. 6 1/2.
..... Envelopes, official.
..... Business Cards.
..... Monthly Statements.
..... Account Sales.

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stroy by violent means.—Colfax Chroni-
cle.

CLOVER AND PODWELL TESTIFY

THE DETECTIVES GRILLED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS

FORMER STATEMENTS REITERATED

The Summer Sensation of Ope- lousas Ends Until the District Court Meets in the "Sweet "Bye and Bye."

Saturday the two detectives, Glover
and Podwell, were examined in the dis-
trict court room by Clerk of Court Andre-
pont, who had been commissioned by
Judge Edwards to take their testimony in
the cases pending against a number of
citizens of Opelousas for the alleged as-
sault upon the two detectives two weeks
ago.
The accused claim that the detectives
voluntarily went to the race track to sell
out to the liquor interests, and that when
they were refused the money, that Glover
and Podwell began shooting.

Podwell's Testimony.

Podwell testified about as follows:
"We had heard all day as we were to be
mobbled. At eight o'clock of the night of
the whisky cases, the night of the assault
upon us, Marine, the hotel proprietor,
came up to us and said that a mob was
coming. About fifteen minutes after he
came again and told us that there was a
carriage at the back steps, awaiting to
take any one of us to safety.
"We got in, and were driven to the race
track. Didn't recognize any one in the car-
riage. Another carriage followed us. The
curtains of our carriage were down. When
we were at the race track, some fellow
came along side of the carriage and rolled
up the curtains. Glover said, 'It looks like
you fellows led us into a mob, instead of
from one.'
"One of the fellows replied, 'Put up
that gun and keep quiet, and get in this
house.' In the meantime they shoved a
piece of paper at us, and told us to sign.
"Never mind what it is,' they said.
When asked what the paper contained,
"Put your fist to it."
"Next thing they took Glover's gun
from his pocket, then some one struck me
on the head. I didn't know anything more
until I found myself at a negro woman's
house, where the woman dressed my
head. I have eleven scars on my head. I
did not recognize but two of the crowd—
J. A. Budd and the hotel man; there were
perhaps ten or fifteen men in the crowd."
Glover's Testimony.

Snappy and vindictive was the testi- mony of Geo. Glover, the anti-saloon de- tective, when he took the stand Saturday evening. His manner of testifying was in utter contradiction in the manner of his associate, Podwell, who testified in the morning. Podwell was cool, and answered every question readily. Glover was irri- table and cross, and told the attorneys several times that "it was none of their business," when asked questions he did not care to answer. His story tallied with that of his asso- ciate as to the details of the alleged as- sault at the race track, excepting that Glover recognized several of the men in the crowd, while Podwell recognized but two.

BAN ON NEGRO SOCIETIES.

Act of the Georgia Legislature Signed by
Governor Brown.

An Atlanta dispatch of the 17th says:

At a late hour tonight Governor Brown
affixed his signature to the recent act of
the Georgia legislature which prohibits
the use by negro societies of the insignia,
ritualistic work, grips, etc., of orders com-
posed of whites, while the act legislates
out of existence the negro organizations
of Elks and Knights of Pythias, whose
names are identical with those of the
white Pythian and Elks' orders, the negro
Masonic and Odd Fellows' organizations
may continue in operation by changing
their badges, rituals, grips, etc., as both
these orders of negroes have names
slightly different from the white Masonic
and Odd Fellows' organizations.
Refusal on the part of the officers of
the different negro organizations affected
to comply promptly with the new act will
result in prosecution under the penalty
clause, which treats violations as misde-
meanors.

"WHEN SHALL WE THREE MEET AGAIN."

A New York World special from Wash-
ington says:
Three presidents may meet in New Or-
leans on Mr. Taft's visit there about Nov.
1st. They are Jose Domingo de Obaldia
of Panama, General Jose Miguel Gomez
of Cuba, and William Howard Taft of the
United States.
There is talk of inviting the executives
of Panama and Cuba to meet President
Taft, and should they accept, the United
States may show them the courtesy of
placing a man-of-war at their disposal to
bring them to this country and take them
home.
It is deemed eminently appropriate
that such a meeting take place because of
the interest this government has mani-
fested in the two republics.
The occasion will afford an opportunity
for a personal exchange of felicitations
between the executives, such as are to take
place between the president and President
Diaz at El Paso.

A BEAVER DAM.

Opelousas is to have a Dam of Beavers
—the Independent Order of Beavers—a
social, fraternal and benevolent organi-
zation, the objects of which are to unite
in the bonds of good fellowship all worthy
persons eighteen years old and over.
Messrs. R. E. Farrell of New Orleans
and G. C. Zerner of Atlanta, Ga., su-
preme organizers, are in the city, and are
meeting with pronounced success in their
quest for names of leading people.
The following is the charter list to date,
with others to be added:
Chas. Bailey
Jos. P. Mizzi
E. J. Sullivan, Jr.
J. A. Dejean
R. M. Miles
W. C. Perrault, Jr.
M. L. Swords
Raymond Breaux
A. P. Garland
Isador Isaac
C. A. Junge
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Dudley Guilbeau
A. H. Garland
Chas. Garland
Louis T. Poulet
Louis L. Perrault
Geo. Going
Eugene Rexer
Leo Dejean
H. D. Larcade, Jr.
J. J. Naff
Thos. B. Brooks
W. R. Lacombe
R. M. Hollier
Dr. E. T. Bercier
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